

**GCSE**

**Religious Studies (World Religions)**

**Judaism 1**

**Specimen Paper**

**B579**

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

**Additional materials: none**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

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Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

1 (a) Describe what Jews believe about the Messiah.

[6]

(b) Explain how believing in the idea of covenant affects the life of a Jew.

[6]

(c) 'Everyone should look forward to the coming of the Messiah.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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2 (a) Describe how Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

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[6]

**(b)** Explain the importance of Yom Kippur for the Jewish community.

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(c) 'Yom Kippur is the most important day in the Jewish calendar.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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3 (a) Describe what happened to the Jews during the Twentieth-Century Holocaust/Shoah.

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**(b)** Explain how Jews have responded to the Twentieth-Century Holocaust.

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(c) 'The Twentieth-Century Holocaust proves that G-d does not exist.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer

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Total [24]

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## Extra Answer Space

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**



OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

GCSE

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES (WORLD RELIGIONS)**

**J620**

Unit B579: Judaism 1

**Specimen Mark Scheme**

The maximum mark for this paper is **48**.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>Describe what Jews believe about the Messiah.</b></p> <p>Candidates may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the idea of a figure that will come to bring peace;</li> <li>• the gathering of the Jews in the Promised Land;</li> <li>• he will be a human being, not divine;</li> <li>• whether the time for the Messianic Age is set;</li> <li>• the belief in rebuilding the Temple;</li> <li>• the progressive belief in a Messianic Age, less tied to an individual.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain how believing in the idea of covenant affects the life of a Jew.</b></p> <p>Candidates may include explanation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Jews see their relationship with G-d as a covenant;</li> <li>• the idea of a covenant may be defined;</li> <li>• the covenants recorded in the Bible, especially those with Abraham and Moses;</li> <li>• how a belief in the covenant is reflected in a Jew's daily life;</li> <li>• the obligations placed on both parties by the agreements, possibly giving examples of circumcision, Shabbat and so on.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(c)	<p><b>'Everyone should look forward to the coming of the Messiah.'</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</b></p> <p>Answers may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a time of peace is an attractive prospect for all;</li> <li>• A person's attitude depends on their existing religious beliefs;</li> <li>• Some may believe that the Messiah has already come;</li> <li>• Progressive Jews have a different conception of the Messianic Age;</li> <li>• The Messiah would have come to save the Jews before now;</li> <li>• Supernatural aspects of Messianic belief are outdated.</li> </ul>	[12]
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
2(a)	<p><b>Describe how Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah.</b></p> <p>Candidates might describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the build up throughout the month of Ellul;</li> <li>• buying of fruit;</li> <li>• lighting candles;</li> <li>• synagogue service;</li> <li>• the greeting;</li> <li>• eating apple and honey;</li> <li>• the fish head;</li> </ul>	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
2(a) Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the blowing of the shofar and tashlich;</li> <li>some of the events that are remembered at Rosh Hashanah, such as the creation of human beings by G-d.</li> </ul>	
2(b)	<p><b>Explain the importance of Yom Kippur for the Jewish community.</b></p> <p>Candidates might explain the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>forgiveness and repentance in bringing the community together, and in their relationship with G-d;</li> <li>how this is reflected in the Days of Returning, the mikveh visit, the wearing of white (as with the kittel), and the fast;</li> <li>the Kol Nidre, Neilah and other aspects of the synagogue service.</li> </ul>	[6]
2(c)	<p><b>'Yom Kippur is the most important day in the Jewish calendar.'</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>specific reasons to support the case of 'The Day' in terms of healing rifts in the community, and how it demonstrates respect for G-d;</li> <li>the size of the congregations</li> <li>the nature of the ritual;</li> <li>any preference is relative;</li> <li>make a case for any other holy day.</li> </ul>	[12]
	<b>Question Total</b>	<b>[24]</b>
3(a)	<p><b>Describe what happened to the Jews during the Twentieth-Century Holocaust/Shoah.</b></p> <p>Candidates may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how the Jews suffered increasingly severe oppression under the Nazis;</li> <li>legal restrictions;</li> <li>ghettos;</li> <li>the concentration camps;</li> <li>the gas chambers.</li> </ul>	
3(b)	<p><b>Explain how Jews have responded to the Twentieth-Century Holocaust.</b></p> <p>Candidates may explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how the events of the Holocaust may have changed the religious attitudes of some Jews, given their beliefs about G-d;</li> <li>the foundation of the Jewish State;</li> <li>Yad Vashem;</li> <li>the different memorial days.</li> </ul>	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
3(c)	<p><b>'The Twentieth-Century Holocaust proves that G-d does not exist.'</b> <b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Judaism in your answer</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the events can be explained by a belief in free will or dualism that maintains some kind of belief in G-d;</li><li>• no belief in an omnipotent and personal god can now be maintained in the light of the Holocaust.</li></ul>	[12]
	<b>Question Total</b>	<b>[24]</b>
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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>48</b>

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